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TO : Assistant Director, O/RR

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FROM : Chief, Economic Services Division

SUBJECT: State Department Data on Trade Agreements and East-West Trade

1. The Office of Intelligence Research, State Department, maintains three trade agreement files: East-West, East-East, and West-West. A card file contains the commodity structure, commitments, dates and references to documents from which information is obtained. East-West trade agreements receive special attention.
2. OIR 51-46, dated February 3, 1950, is the basic format for trade data and trade agreements. Periodic revisions are made from time to time, the latest being IP-4, January 22, 1951.
3. The State Department's files on trade agreements are therefore current and presumably accurate. Information on actual trade with detailed figures is not maintained due, we are informed, to insufficient personnel.
4. The Trade and Finance Branch of this division can supply specific trade data on short notice.
5. A rather detailed report on East-West trade and its implications has been prepared by this division and will be available in ditto form as a working paper for any activity within CIA.

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